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The Judgment of Peter and Paul. By the Author of "Quo Vadis" on Olympus.

A "poem in prose" by Henry Stenckler, author of "Quo Vadis," "With Fire and Sword," etc. It has not yet been published in Polish, and this translation by Jeremiah Curtin is the only one that has been made. In the story the brothers Peter and Paul, Apollo, Venus and the rest, appear before Peter and Paul for judgment.

Out of the Fog. Edward Marshall

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The Matrimonial Opportunities of Maria Pratt. Virginia Woodward Cloud

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A Hill Prayer. Marian Warner Wildman

Peter Pratt in the Century's College Competition. With decorations and a full-page picture by Maxfield Parrish.

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The Christmas Tree. J. Alden Weir

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One of Two Millions in East London. Sir Walter Besant

Illustrated by Joseph Pennell and Phil May. The first of a series of papers on life in the East End of London, by the author of "All Sorts and Conditions of Men," the book that made possible the famous People's Palace. In this article Sir Walter Besant takes a single creature out of the millions and makes a story of her life, following her from her childhood in the street, in the board school and the factory, her work days and her holidays. The next article will describe the life of the water-side above London bridge.

"I Believe" Margaret Sutton Briscoe

A brief essay on the heroism of self-confidence.

Oliver Cromwell. John Morley

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McGribben Sues the City. Harry Stillwell Edwards

With illustrations by Frederick Dore Steele. One of the most amusing stories ever printed in The Century. Mr. McGribben sues the city for damages on account of falling into a sewer, which was built in front of his house. "It was a damn fine day, and two fat as water standin' kray-dam in the same."

Glass Houses. Gelett Burgess

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Put Up the Sword. James Jeffrey Roche

A stirring poem by the author of "Ballads of Blue Water."

The Art of Seeing Things. John Burroughs

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French's Washington. Daniel Chester French

An engraving of the head of the new equestrian statue by Daniel Chester French.

Fear and Death. R. R. Bowker

A poem.

Fakes and Fakirs. Gustav Koble

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GOSSIP FROM GOTHAM

New York Republicans Want Second Place on National Ticket.

TALK OF ROOT AND WOODRUFF

Rumor That David B. Hill Will Indorse Bryanism.

MR. SAGETO RETIRE

Special Correspondence of The Evening Star.

NEW YORK, November 30, 1899.

All the republican politicians of the state are now talking about the nomination of a New York man for Vice President next year on the ticket with McKinley. They are nearly unanimous in support of Edhu Root, the present Secretary of War. Gov. Roosevelt, it is understood, has announced, will not, under any circumstances, be a candidate or accept the nomination, although some of his friends in other states, who are not well informed, persist in suggesting his name for the place.

The attempt to make Lieut. Gov. Woodruff a candidate for the nomination for Vice President has not been taken seriously here, but up in Albany it is different. There it is asserted that Platt, Roosevelt, Aldridge, Payne and all the rest are pledged to him, and his chances are regarded as brilliant. It is learned that a party of Woodruff's close friends have made arrangements to go to Washington within a few days. Their plan is to open the Woodruff campaign in the national capital. It is said they mean to boom Woodruff among the men who make national delegates and rule national conventions. Woodruff's availability will be pointed out, especially his cash and the readiness with which he disposes it for political honors, as made evident by the last two state campaigns. The Albany people insist Lieut. Gov. Woodruff's recent stay in this city resulted in his gaining strength with the national party. It is said he has made a good impression on Mark Hanna, and has Quay's promise of the Pennsylvania delegation. In fact, it is asserted that the old "Platt Quay" combination in national politics is at work for the lieutenant governor. The case seems to be that the two national party leaders, Platt and Quay, are believed to be seeking delegates for Woodruff, chiefly because neither of the two loves Edhu Root, who is mentioned as the President's choice if the nomination comes to New York.

Hill to Indorse Bryanism.

If current rumor can be believed there is something in the air even stronger than "Dick" Croker's flop to Bryan. It is asserted that former Senator David B. Hill is on the eve of making an important announcement concerning his attitude on national politics. It is believed he has decided to embrace Bryanism and the 16 to 1 doctrine, if both of these are dominant factors in the national party. Hill is said to have formed. He is not converted to the free silver idea. He believes that the money question may not be the paramount issue next year, but that even if it is it will be good policy to fight it out and settle the question forever. Norman H. Mack, the proprietor of the Buffalo News, and the democratic leader of Erie county, says in what appears to be an authentic dispatch that Senator Hill assured him that he would "support the nominee and platform of the next democratic national convention, even if that nominee is William J. Bryan and that platform an amplification of the Chicago platform." It is this positive statement that induces the belief that Senator Hill is again about to break his long silence on political questions. Friends of Senator Hill say he is undoubtedly about to declare his position upon the questions of the day, making a definite assertion concerning Bryan and the Chicago platform.

Rumor Regarding Russell Sage.

Again comes the report, and this time with a directness that cannot be ignored, that "Uncle" Russell Sage is to retire from active business life. Reports to this effect have been heard in Wall street periodically for ten years, and each time the famous old financier proved them untrue by making his heavy hand felt in a continuous succession of transactions involving vast sums of money. He has refused to affirm that the story is true this time, but there are many circumstances which make Wall street believe the report. Those close to Mr. Sage say that a definite decision of the kind of age he decided several months ago to lay down his business cares and spend the remainder of his days in the case his many millions will allow. His determination could not shake his business instinct given by two-thirds of a century of active application, and Mr. Sage resists that his retirement would come only when he could dispose of his extensive interests to the best advantage. He now thinks he sees that chance, or at least he is strong enough to see that if he delays much longer he would have to dispose of Standard Gas Light and Manhattan Gas Light about the time Mr. Sage made up his mind to quit the gas war was started. That aroused the fighting blood of the old war horse of finance, and he decided to see the struggle out. Mr. Sage, who owns the Standard Gas Light Company, met the cut of the Consolidated Gas Company, and the price of gas steadily refused to make overtures for a re-establishment of the high rates, though he admitted that there was little profit in selling at low prices. When Mr. Sage retires he will spend much of his time at his country home. It only recently became known that he has a great love for horses, and has a small breeding farm. As one of his active life could hardly settle down to doing nothing, he will devote his attention to his animals.

Claims to New York Property.

More claimants to about half of New York city and nearly all of the kingdom of Holland have sprung up. These new aspirants to great wealth assert that they are heirs of the original owners of the property now held by the Trinity Church corporation and the royal family of Holland. According to a statement made by Brewster & Jones, law firm, in Brooklyn, they have been retained to represent the Halsted family of Hinton, W. Va., who are said to be direct descendants of Aneke Jans, Aneke, if records are to be believed, was a granddaughter of William of Orange, afterward King of Holland. Her descendants came to America about 1620, and once more, according to the records, acquired title to the property in dispute here. One novel point advanced by the new claimants is that the property was leased to Trinity Church for church purposes only, and that the property would revert to the lessors if put to any other use. Mr. Brewster, who does not know when the suit will be instituted, if at all. He says that the case involved an examination of records extending for several hundred years, and that this work, while well under way, still presented many difficulties.

"We have discovered some things which substantiate the claims of the Halsted heretofore in that of claimants to the Trinity Church property. There are about one hundred and seventy of these claimants, and they are scattered all over the world. Many of them have banded together and formed an organization under the title of 'Union Association of Heirs of Harlem, Aneke Jans, Burgard Edwards and Halsted estates.' At a meeting of the association last June it was said that work of prosecuting the claims was 'almost' ready to be begun.

Grievances of Assistant Surgeons.

Men who were acting assistant surgeons in the army during the war with Spain have grievances which they will discuss in a mass meeting to be held in this city on December 3. A petition to Congress for relief will result. There are about one thousand of the complaining doctors. In the circles just sent out it is stated that it was agreed at the time of enlistment that the rank and pay of the first lieutenants on the staff when mustered out. This agreement was never complied with. In addition to this, several other grievances are set forth. One is the failure of the government to give such successful full pay for proper length of absence, also mileage and travel pay and commutation of quarters when government quarters were not found.

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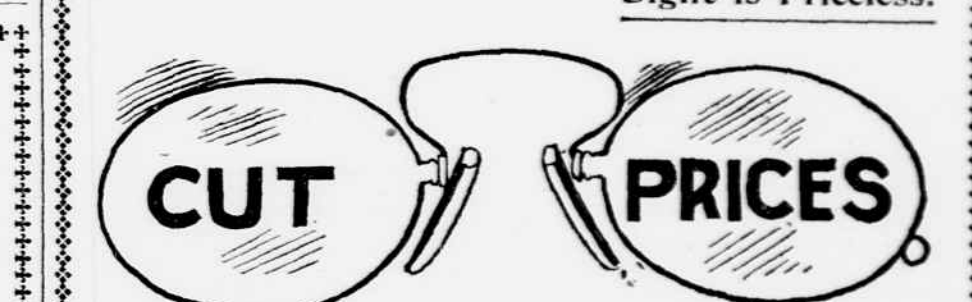
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